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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-6 were originally filed with this application.

The Examiner has rejected all the originally filed claims.

Claims 3, 4, and 6 have been cancelled.

Independent claim 1 as now amended requires that the ring be capable of being worn on a body part for human adornment, and that the ridge forms an internal thread capable of screwing the ring on and off the body part. The remaining claims 2 and 5 are dependent on claim 1 and include the thread limitation.

The references cited by the Examiner in rejecting the originally filed claims, Gilbert '126, and Pulford et al '044, are not for a ring for a body part for human adornment as now claimed by applicant.

Gilbert is for a space station board game apparatus, and Pulford et al is for an abdominal retractor used in surgery. Neither of those references, alone or in combination with the other, would suggest the present invention as now claimed.

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The present amendment to the claims is well supported in the specification. For instance, on page 9, lines 23-24, and page 10, lines 1 to 3, it is stated "...the continuous, endless ridge 22 with its travel about the circumference of the ring, can act as a thread that can be used to, in effect, screw or unscrew the ring 20 from the wearer, as, for instance, on or off a finger, or on or off a wrist.

Replacement drawings accompany this amendment.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and early allowance of the claims in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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Amendments to the Drawings

Six replacement sheets for the drawings are attached.